

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  Stephen D. Pacetti et al.	Examiner:  Erma C. Cameron
Appl. No. 10/658,348	Art Unit: 1762
Filed: September 8, 2003	Confirmation Number: 4082
Customer number: 45159	
Title: A Method Of Forming A Diffusion Barrier Layer For Implantable Devices	

Mail Stop **Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**Amendment**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on June 13, 2007 which has a shortened statutory time to reply that ends on September 13, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including Exhibit A, and Exhibit B, a Statement of Common Ownership, is attached following page 16 of this paper.